

Simsbury

Connecticut

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Belongs to
Hartford County
Hartford Labor Market Area
Capitol Area Economic Dev. Region
Capitol Region Planning Area

Incorporated in 1670

Demographics

<i>Population (1998)</i>				<i>Race/Ethnicity (1998)</i>			
	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
1980	21,161	807,769	3,107,580	White	20,642	633,007	2,648,212
1990	22,023	851,783	3,287,116	Black	192	84,182	274,213
1998	21,758	824,956	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	573	18,711	73,304
2003	21,578	811,828	3,272,149	Native American	6	1,196	5,952
'98-'03 Growth	-0.83%	-1.59%	0.03%	Other	21	1,531	5,336
				Hispanic (any race)	324	86,329	264,222
Land Area (sq. miles)	33.88	735.50	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	1.50%	7.90%	6.61%
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	642.21	1,121.63	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$36,611	\$24,032	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>
Households (1998)	7,830	315,031	1,229,087	High School Graduate	2,290	15.5%	648,366
Median Age (1997)	40.0	37.4	37.2	Some College	3,397	23.0%	495,696
				Bachelors or More	8,278	56.2%	597,693
<i>Age Distribution (1998)</i>							
	<i>0-4</i>	<i>5-17</i>	<i>18-24</i>	<i>25-49</i>	<i>50-64</i>	<i>65+</i>	<i>Total</i>
Male	632 6%	1,895 18%	948 9%	3,789 36%	2,099 20%	1,190 11%	10,553
Female	628 6%	1,887 17%	912 8%	4,039 36%	2,164 19%	1,575 14%	11,205
County Total	53,562 6%	137,485 17%	68,473 8%	316,772 38%	126,906 15%	121,758 15%	824,956
State Total	216,119 7%	550,400 17%	280,101 9%	1,257,928 38%	499,093 15%	467,598 14%	3,271,239

Economics

<i>Business Profile (1997)</i>					<i>Top Five Grand List (1997)</i>		
<i>Sector</i>	<i>Firms</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i>Emp.</i>	<i>% of Total</i>		<i>Amount</i>	<i>% of Total</i>
Agriculture	42	3.7%	165	1.3%	Simsbury Associates LP	\$34,248,510	2.62%
Const. and Mining	153	13.7%	542	4.2%	Hartford Life, Inc.	\$21,218,730	1.62%
Manufacturing	42	3.7%	1,092	8.6%	Stephen D. Fish	\$15,737,170	1.20%
Trans. And Utilities	20	1.8%	231	1.8%	Connecticut Light & Power Company	\$15,715,290	1.20%
Trade	243	21.7%	2,305	18.1%	Ensign-Bickford Realty Corporation	\$14,360,890	1.10%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	91	8.1%	4,923	38.6%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$1,308,563,878	
Services	521	46.5%	3,290	25.8%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	8	0.7%	214	1.7%	The Hartford Life Insurance Co.	Town of Simsbury Public Schools	
Total	1,120	100.0%	12,762	100.0%	Ensign-Bickford Companies	McLean Home	
					Town of Simsbury		
						<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	\$159,043,828	\$30,837,967,729

Education

<i>1995-1996 School Year</i>				<i>Connecticut Mastery Test Percent Above Goal</i>					
	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		<i>Grade 4</i>		<i>Grade 6</i>		<i>Grade 8</i>	
Total Students	2,733	461,203		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$7,191	\$8,300		Reading	85 55	88 60		85 64	
Average Teacher's Salary	\$50,225	\$48,598		Math	90 59	85 52		90 51	
Students Attending Public School	87.9%	89.2%		Writing	75 46	84 46		92 51	
Student/Teacher Ratio	15.5	14.5							
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	87.9%	75.8%		<i>Average SAT Score</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		
High School Dropout Rate	1.5%	4.6%		Verbal		567	503		
<i>Average Class Size</i>				Math		573	499		
Kindergarten 19.6	Grade 2 22.1								
Grade 5 21.0	Grade 7 23.4	High School 17.9							

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Government

Government Form	Selectman- Town Meeting	Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$2,958,199
		As % of Expenditures	6.5%
Total Revenue (1996)	\$45,046,772	Total Expenditures (1996)	\$45,211,167
Tax Revenue	\$37,845,703	Education	\$31,105,046
Non-tax Revenue	\$2,973,675	Other	\$14,106,121
Intergovernmental	\$4,227,394	Total Indebtness (1996)	\$11,192,036
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$1,659	As % of Expenditures	24.8%
As % of State Average	116.5%	Per Capita	\$510
		As % of State Average	49.0%
		Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/94
		Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	Aa1
		Actual Mill Rate (1997)	30.30
		Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	19.34
		% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	11.1%

Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	8,641	353,247	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	85.1%	59.3%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	95	5,843	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	59	2,246	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	186	5,470	20,713
As % Existing Units	0.68%	0.64%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	136	1,158	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	10	236	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	49	293	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	508	13,027	56,333	\$400,001 or More	42	263	4,036
Average Price	\$209,082	\$141,257	\$194,596	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$185,000	\$123,500	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	6,478	203,609	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	12.6%	32.6%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	255	45,714	148,930

Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	Commuters (1990)			
Labor Force	11,403	421,856	1,723,300	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to		
Employed	11,070	398,219	1,635,400	1. Simsbury	2871	Simsbury	2871
Unemployed	333	23,637	87,900	2. Canton	578	Hartford	2398
Unemployment Rate	2.9%	5.6%	5.1%	3. Granby	518	Bloomfield	891
Total Employment	12,160	489,360	1,581,700	4. Avon	441	Farmington	810
Manufacturing	840	66,350	265,850	5. Hartford	415	Avon	764
'92-'97 Growth Rate	36.9%	0.4%	4.3%	6. Farmington	347	West Hartford	647
Daytime Population	9,307	553,573	1,740,247	7. West Hartford	337	Windsor	481
				8. Winchester	278	Windsor Locks	276
				9. Massachusetts	274	Canton	184
				10. Torrington	253	East Granby	160

Quality of Life

Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	Residential Utilities	
Banks (1997)	6	1,378	Total Volumes	136,994	Electric Provider
Lodging (1997)	5	756	Circulation Per Capita	18.2	Connecticut Light & Power
Day Care Facilities (1998)	14	1,651			1-800-286-2000
Infant Mortality Rate			Distance to Major Cities	Miles	Gas Provider
Per 1,000 Res. (1995)	1.431	0.099	Hartford	10	CTG Resources
Crime Rate (1996)			Boston	98	860-727-3000
Per 1,000 Residents	12.8	40	New York City	102	Water Provider
% Open Land (1990)	61.5%	68.8%	Providence	73	Municipal Provider
					Contact local provider
Hospitals (1997)	0	9			Cable Provider
Total Beds	0	2,602			TCI Cable of Central CT
					860-505-6248